

Custer County Resource Advisory Meeting – November 17, 2009

Meeting called to order by Mike Chase, Committee Chairman at 5:30 PM

Roll Call-Attendees:

Category I

Mike Chase

Mike Carter

Paul LeClair

Don Gifford

Dick Kessler

Category II

Doris McDill

Dorothea Edgington

Reed Haug

Category III

John Culberson

Ramona Flaig-Bradeen

Forest Service

Lynn Kolund-District Ranger

Cathy Rosane-Administrative Coordinator

Mike Erk-Rangeland Management Specialist-NNF

Lisa Lam-Range Technician-BHNF

Lucas Bindel-Rangeland Management Specialist-BHNF

Public

Richard Brown

Absent

Category I

Category II

Rex Harris

Sandra McFarland

Category III

Stewart Sarkozy-Banoczy

Travis Bies

Old Business

Monitoring

Lisa Lam, Hell Canyon Ranger District, Black Hills National Forest- presented narrative and pictorial monitoring reports for two projects funded by the Custer County Resource Advisory Committee and Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

Other Partners contributing to these projects where: Grazing Permittee's, who donated time and equipment to install spring boxes and pipeline. The Hell Canyon Fire Crew hauled and placed gravel at tank locations. Hell Canyon Wildlife Biologist and Forester constructed enclosure fences. Through the cooperation of all partners these project's exceeded goals and objectives.

2007-Compton Spring was designed as a reservoir in the 1960's to water livestock. In August 2000, the area around Compton Spring was affected by the Jasper Fire. 2005 Project Planning discussion involved fencing reservoir and protecting spring/seep from livestock trampling, allowing vegetation to come in and provide protection of water source by having an area for livestock to water below dam and spring. The goal identified in this project was to protect the spring, improve water quality, restoration of aquatic vegetation and increase the habitat diversity. Installation of a buck and rail fence and off site watering sources for grazing allotment livestock give both wildlife and livestock a quality watering source while protecting the spring. Eleven months after fencing, vegetation around seep and spring source is coming back. Trailing around dam area is minimal due to stock tanks below dam.

2007 Church Camp Spring-was designed as a reservoir to water livestock. It was used to water livestock on the Vestal pasture of the Tenderfoot Allotment. In 2005, boundaries on the French Creek and Tenderfoot Allotment were changed. Project planning discussions involved fencing out spring and leaving it as a water gap (fenced area to water two pastures at different times of year). The goal of this project was to protect the spring, restore aquatic vegetation and increase habitat diversity. Installation of a fence around dam and spring and off-site water tank installation promote water sharing between two allotments and gives both livestock and wildlife quality watering sites.

New Business

Review of 2008 Project implementation indicates a carry-over balance of \$21,203.00 in Title II funds currently available for expenditure in 2009/2010. An additional \$73,800.00 estimated from the 2009 allocation will be available for expenditure in 2010.

Project	Proponent	Title II Request	FS	Partners	In-Kind Vol	RAC Ranking
Custer Limestone RD.	Custer County/John Culberson	\$88,482.00				2
Saginaw RD	Custer County/John Culberson	\$132,723.00				3
Sled Spring	FS/Lisa Lam	\$19,550.00	\$10,000.	\$10,150.		4
Folsom Water Delivery System	Scott Edoff	\$32,300.00		\$7,000.		1
Chalk Hills Wetland Habitat Restoration	FS/Mike Erk	\$12,000.00	\$4,000.		\$2,000.	5
2010 Camp Bob Marshall Water System	Western Dakota 4-H Camp/Leo Ohm	\$45,000.00		\$5,000.	\$5,000.	6
Total		\$330,055.00	\$14,000.	\$22,150.	\$7,000.	
Carry-Over from 2008		\$21,203.00				

2009 County Payment	\$922,500.00	\$73,800.00				
Title II Funds Available		\$95,003.00				

Since there was not a quorum in attendance at the November 17, 2009 meeting, Proponents presented their projects, committee members further reviewed the projects for consideration by the full committee at the next RAC meeting.

Next RAC meeting scheduled for January 12, 2010 at 5:30 pm, Forest Supervisors Office in Custer, SD.

Motion to Adjourn-Mike Chase
Second-Dorothea Edgington
Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 pm.